

Ramparts

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[redacted] Met with Bill Spell, Staff Assistant to Senator ~~Stennis~~, and provided him with follow up material in connection with the Senator's intended appearance on the "Meet the Press" program on Sunday. I learned from Spell that, very regretfully, the Senator had cancelled his appearance on this program because of the serious illness of his sister in Mississippi. Spell said he understood that Senator Henry Jackson would be taking Senator Stennis' place. He said Senator Stennis had been very anxious to do this and had gotten quite worked up about it. Spell appreciated the material in view of the Senator's deep interest in the subject. ✓

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[redacted] Dropped by for a chat with Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff. (This was a follow up on his previous conversation with us about Ramparts magazine.) I told Sourwine that I thought that at this point we did not have any information of consequence which we could provide the Subcommittee. (Sourwine had previously said that they would like to expose Ramparts.) ✓

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[redacted] Senator Clifford P. Hansen visited the Agency for a breakfast meeting with the Director. Also in attendance were Mr. Karamessines, Mr. Godfrey and [redacted]

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[redacted] Discussed a background paper on world Communist fronts with [redacted] to be prepared for Congressman Carl Perkins (D., Ky.), Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor. The paper will be used in reply to Perkins' two letters to the Director. [redacted] will have the paper ready by the close of business on 1 March.

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10. [redacted] Discussed with Mr. Speakman in the office of Congressman Robert Watkins (R., Pa.) a constituent letter inquiring into Agency involvement with the [redacted]. I informed Mr. Speakman that the Agency does not comment on these allegations but that we would be happy to prepare a draft reply to the constituent if he cares to send the letter to us. Speakman was most pleased with this offer and accepted it. ✓

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